

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Kenichi SHIRAISHI

Serial No. 10/589,437

Group Art Unit: 2851

Confirmation No. 9870

Filed: August 1, 2007

Examiner: Mesfin T. Asfaw

For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, SUPPLY METHOD AND RECOVERY METHOD,  
EXPOSURE METHOD, AND DEVICE PRODUCING METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2009, which has a period for response set to expire on April 22, 2009.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2; and

Remarks begin at page 9.